

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT***A Tradition of Service*

DATE: December 2, 2010

OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

FILE NO. SH256034

FROM: ERIC B. SMITH, COMMANDER  
LEADERSHIP AND TRAINING DIVISION

TO: KARYN MANNIS, CAPTAIN  
INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

SUBJECT: **EXECUTIVE FORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE DISPOSITION:**  
**DEPUTY RONNIE PEREZ, # [REDACTED]**  
**DEPUTY GEORGE SAKABU, # [REDACTED]**  
**OPERATION SAFE STREETS BUREAU**

After receiving information that a gang was going to conduct a "drive-by" shooting on a rival gang, the Gang Surveillance Unit was contacted for the surveillance of "Hoover Criminals" gang members.

During the surveillance, personnel also learned the suspects would be armed with handguns and using a blue Lincoln Town Car for the shooting. The surveillance team's plan was to prevent a shooting.

Upon learning the suspects were leaving their location to go commit a shooting, the surveillance units instructed assisting units to initiate the traffic stop on Normandie Avenue.

Deputies Ronnie Perez and George Sakabu saw the suspect vehicle turned southbound onto Normandie Avenue. Deputies Perez and Sakabu followed behind the suspect vehicle.

When the vehicle passed 106<sup>th</sup> Street, Deputy Perez initiated a felony traffic stop. The vehicle, driven by Suspect [REDACTED] sped up and immediately turned eastbound onto West 107<sup>th</sup> Street, back into the residential area. As Deputy Perez grabbed his vehicle's microphone to update his location with assisting units, the suspect vehicle abruptly stopped in the street in front of the residence at [REDACTED] West 107<sup>th</sup> Street.

Suspect Ray Houston exited the Lincoln's right rear passenger's door holding an Uzi-style, "Norinco" 9mm semiautomatic weapon. He pointed the gun at Deputy Perez and fired one round. The bullet struck the hood of Deputy Perez's marked radio car and ricocheted into the windshield, cracking the glass.

As Deputy Perez exited his door to take cover behind his patrol car, he saw that Suspect Williams exited the front right side passenger's door, and stood behind Suspect Houston. Suspect Brown exited the left rear passenger's door and pointed a black colored revolver at Perez, firing several rounds. Deputy Perez heard the bullets pass by him as he ran to the trunk area of his patrol car.

Fearing for his and Deputy Sakabu's safety, Deputy Perez fired twelve rounds from his 9mm semiautomatic at Suspect Houston. While Deputy Perez conducted a tactical magazine exchange, Deputy Sakabu was able to fire three rounds at Suspect Brown from his .45 caliber, semiautomatic pistol.

Suspect Houston discarded the "Norinco," loaded with one bullet in the chamber and twenty-three bullets in the magazine, at the scene

Suspects Houston, Brown, and Williams fled on foot southbound through a driveway of an apartment complex, and out of view. Immediately, an area containment of the area was established. Later, the three outstanding suspects were located within the containment, and positively identified as the suspects by Deputies Perez and Sakabu.

On November 10, 2010 the Executive Force Review Committee convened and conducted a review regarding the facts of this case. The applicable policies that were evaluated by the committee were: MPP §§ 3-01/025.00, Use of Force; 3-01/025.30, Use of Firearms and Deadly Force; 3-01/025.10, Unreasonable Force; and 3-01/050.10, Performance to Standards.

Concerning:

MPP § 3-01/025.00, Use of Force, MPP § 3-01/025.30, Use of Firearms and Deadly Force, and MPP § 3-01/025.10, Unreasonable Force, the Committee determined that the force used by Deputies Ronnie Perez, # [REDACTED] and Deputy George Sakabu # [REDACTED] was reasonable and necessary and in compliance with Department policy.

MPP § 3-01/050.10, Performance to Standards, the Committee determined that the tactics employed by all personnel in this incident were within Department Policy.



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Eric B. Smith, Commander

EBS:RSP/rsp

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- Interview with Sergeant Mark Marbach
- Interview with Sergeant Anthony Rivera

### EXHIBITS

- A - Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Incident Report under file #009-11499-0374-055 authored by Deputy Daniel Leon # [REDACTED]
- B - Supplemental Report authored by Detective Mark Marbach # [REDACTED]
- C - Operations Plan for F.O.R. II/Operations Safe Streets Bureau by Detective Marbach.
- D - Supplemental Report authored by Deputy Ronnie Perez
- E - Copy of Deputy Ronnie Perez's Weapons, Shooting, and Training Records
- F - Supplemental Report authored by Deputy George Sakabu
- G - Copy of Deputy George Sakabu's Weapons, Shooting, and Training Records
- H - Supplemental Report authored by Deputy Johnny Perez # [REDACTED] re: info on suspect's location.
- I - Supplemental Report authored by Deputy Daniel Leon # [REDACTED] re: arrest of Suspect Williams.
- J - Supplemental Report authored by Detective Marcos Escalante # [REDACTED] re: field show-up/identity of Suspect Houston (AKA Michael Hess).
- K - Supplemental Reports authored by Deputies [REDACTED] # [REDACTED] [REDACTED] # [REDACTED] Eric McDonagh # [REDACTED] Daniel Chavez # [REDACTED] and Steven Upton # [REDACTED] re: recovery of evidence. Search Warrant authored by Deputy Ryan Libe # [REDACTED]
- L - Supplemental Reports authored by Homicide Investigators Shaun McCarthy and Deputy Dawn Retzlaff.
- M - Supplemental Reports authored by Deputies [REDACTED] # [REDACTED] Alicia Saldana # [REDACTED] Jason Bates # [REDACTED] and Sergeants David Auner # [REDACTED] and Martin Rojas # [REDACTED] re: identification of witnesses.

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- N -** Supplemental Report authored by Scientific Services Bureau Firearms Examiner Tracy Peck # [REDACTED] re: response for Field Investigation
- O -** (2) Supplemental Reports authored by Scientific Services Bureau Firearms Examiner Tracy Peck # [REDACTED] re: firearms examination for deputies' weapons.
- P -** Supplemental Report authored by Scientific Services Bureau Forensic Specialist Robert Lio # [REDACTED] re: Evidence Ledger/measurements, diagram of crime scene, and photographs taken.
- Q -** Copy of Crime Scene Diagram and CD containing crime scene photographs.
- R -** (5) Photographs of two recovered handguns
- S -** Copy of booking packet and CCHRS reports for Suspect Ray Houston (booked as Michael Hess).
- T -** Copy of booking packet and CCHRS reports for Suspect Eric Brown
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- V -** Copy of booking packet and CCHRS reports for Suspect [REDACTED]
- W -** (1) CD containing audio interviews of Suspects Houston, Brown, and Williams.
- X -** (1) CD containing radio transmissions and transcriptions from Mutual Aid 2.
- Y -** (1) CD containing radio transmissions from Dispatch 12.
- Z -** Copy of District Attorney Case Filing #YA078583

### MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS

- Signed Admonition Forms for: Deputies Perez and Sakabu, and Sergeants Marbach and Rivera.
- (3) Receipts for Investigative Material

# Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

## Officer Involved Shooting

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Report Date: <b>10/15/10</b>		Bureau/Station/Facility: <b>FOR II / OSSB</b>		Admin. Invest.? <input type="checkbox"/> Hit? <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Incident Information</b>					
URN: <b>009-11499-0374-055</b>		Date: <b>11/30/09</b>		Time: <b>2030 hours</b>	
City or Station: <b>Unincorporated area in Los Angeles County</b>		Nature of Incident: Deputies initiated a vehicle traffic stop of four suspected gang members. Upon stopping their vehicle, three of the four suspect's exited the vehicle and began shooting at Deputies Perez and Sakabu. Deputies returned gunfire and the suspects fled on foot. Driver was arrested, and three remaining suspects were later arrested, along with three recovered handguns.			
Location: <b>1300 Block 107th Street</b>					
Location Type (circle one or more): Backyard Beach Business Freeway Industrial Park Parking Lot <u>Residence</u> Rural School <u>Street</u> Other: _____	Lighting (circle only one): <u>Darkness</u> Daylight Other <u>Street Lights</u>	Incident Type (circle one or more): Accidental <u>Armed Person</u> Fleeing Suspect Foot Pursuit Gun Take Away Moving Vehicle Sniper/Ambush Startle Struggle Involved <u>Traffic Stop</u> Unarmed Person Unintentional Vehicle Pursuit Warrant Service Warning Shot Other: _____		Initiated by (circle only one): Arrest Warrant Call Observation One Person Unit <u>Other</u> Search Warrant Two Person Unit	
	Weather (circle only one): <u>Clear</u> Cloudy <u>Fog</u> Rain				
	Distance: <b>20-40 feet</b>				
Total # of Shots Fired by Deputy <b>15</b>	Total # of Shots Fired by Suspect <b>minimum 4</b>			Aero Unit? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Canine Unit? <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Employee Witnesses</b>					
Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ShiftTime (circle only one): EM PM <u>Day</u>	ShiftType (circle only one): <u>Regular</u> Overtime Off Duty
	<b>Marbach</b>	<b>Mark</b>	<b>J.</b>		
Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ShiftTime (circle only one): EM <u>PM</u> Day	ShiftType (circle only one): Regular <u>Overtime</u> Off Duty
	<b>Rivera</b>	<b>Anthony</b>	<b>NMN</b>		
Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ShiftTime (circle only one): EM PM Day	ShiftType (circle only one): Regular Overtime Off Duty
<b>Non-Employee Witnesses</b>					
Last Name		First Name		M.I.	
Street Address		City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
Last Name		First Name		M.I.	
Street Address		City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
Last Name		First Name		M.I.	
Street Address		City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
<b>Supervisors</b>					
Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	(circle one or more): <u>On Duty</u>	Witness to shooting
	<b>Rivera</b>	<b>Anthony</b>	<b>NI</b>	<u>Present during shooting</u>	Involved in shooting
Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	(circle one or more): On Duty	Witness to shooting
	<b>Hill</b>	<b>Brian</b>	<b>A.</b>	<u>Present during shooting</u>	Involved in shooting
<b>Watch Sergeant</b>					
Employee #	Last Name	First Name		M.I.	
<b>Watch Commander</b>					
Employee #	Last Name	First Name		M.I.	
	<b>Wegener</b>	<b>Kent</b>		<b>A.</b>	

<b>PSTD Use Only</b>	
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**FORCE APPLIED** (one code per block)

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## Involved Employee

<b>E 1</b>	Employee #	Last Name <b>Perez</b>	First Name <b>Ronnie</b>	M.I. <b>A.</b>
Sex: <b>M</b> Race: <b>H</b>		Rank: <b>DSG</b>	Unit Assignment: <b>OSSB</b>	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): <b>W5G2</b>
ShiftTime (circle only one): EM <input type="radio"/> <b>PM</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Day		ShiftType (circle only one): Regular <input type="radio"/> <b>Overtime</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/>	
Hospital Admission? <input type="checkbox"/>		Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>	Coroner Case #
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: <b>8 hours</b>		Duty Time (hrs):	Clothing (circle only one): Plain Clothes no Vest <input type="radio"/> <b>Raid Jacket w/ Vest</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/>	
Age: <b>5' 09"</b> Height: <b>200</b>		Plain Clothes w/ Vest <input type="radio"/> Uniform no Vest <input type="radio"/>		Other Factors: <b>He had just completed his day shift and was at home when he received a call to respond to Lennox Station.</b>
Range Qualification Date:		PPC Qualification Date:		
Certified with Weapon Used? <input type="checkbox"/>		Patrol Certification? <input type="checkbox"/>	Certification Unit:	Prior Shootings? <input type="checkbox"/>
Weapons Fired Brand: <b>Beretta</b>		Caliber: <b>9mm</b>	# Shots: <b>12</b>	Weapons Fired Brand: <b>Caliber</b>
Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name	First Name	M.I.

<b>E 2</b>	Employee #	Last Name <b>Sakabu</b>	First Name <b>George</b>	M.I. <b>M.</b>
Sex: <b>M</b> Race: <b>A</b>		Rank: <b>DSG</b>	Unit Assignment: <b>OSSB</b>	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): <b>W5G1</b>
ShiftTime (circle only one): EM <input type="radio"/> <b>PM</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Day		ShiftType (circle only one): Regular <input type="radio"/> <b>Overtime</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/>	
Hospital Admission? <input type="checkbox"/>		Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>	Coroner Case #
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: <b>8 hours</b>		Duty Time (hrs):	Clothing (circle only one): Plain Clothes no Vest <input type="radio"/> <b>Raid Jacket w/ Vest</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/>	
Age: <b>6' 00"</b> Height: <b>210</b>		Plain Clothes w/ Vest <input type="radio"/> Uniform no Vest <input type="radio"/>		Other Factors: <b>He had just completed his day shift and was at home or on his way home when he received a call to respond to Lennox Station.</b>
Range Qualification Date:		PPC Qualification Date:		
Certified with Weapon Used? <input type="checkbox"/>		Patrol Certification? <input type="checkbox"/>	Certification Unit:	Prior Shootings? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Weapons Fired Brand: <b>H &amp; K</b>		Caliber: <b>.45</b>	# Shots: <b>3</b>	Weapons Fired Brand: <b>Caliber</b>
Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name	First Name	M.I.

<b>E</b>	Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:		Rank:	Unit Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):
ShiftTime (circle only one): EM <input type="radio"/> <b>PM</b> <input type="radio"/> Day		ShiftType (circle only one): Regular <input type="radio"/> <b>Overtime</b> <input type="radio"/> Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/>	
Hospital Admission? <input type="checkbox"/>		Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>	Coroner Case #
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting:		Duty Time (hrs):	Clothing (circle only one): Plain Clothes no Vest <input type="radio"/> <b>Raid Jacket w/ Vest</b> <input type="radio"/>	
Age: Height: Weight:		Plain Clothes w/ Vest <input type="radio"/> Uniform no Vest <input type="radio"/>		Other Factors:
Range Qualification Date:		PPC Qualification Date:		
Certified with Weapon Used? <input type="checkbox"/>		Patrol Certification? <input type="checkbox"/>	Certification Unit:	Prior Shootings? <input type="checkbox"/>
Weapons Fired Brand:		Caliber:	# Shots:	Weapons Fired Brand: <b>Caliber</b>
Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name	First Name	M.I.

# Officer Involved Shooting Suspect Information

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## Suspect Information

<b>S 1</b>	Last Name <b>Houston Jr.</b>		First Name <b>Ray</b>		M.I. <b>NMN</b>	
	AKA Last Name		First Name		M.I.	
	"Sonny," "Michael Hess," and "Morele Watson"					
	Sex: <b>M</b>	Race: <b>B</b>	Street Address: [REDACTED]		City: [REDACTED]	State & Zip Code: [REDACTED]
	Work Phone: [REDACTED]		Home Phone: [REDACTED]		Social Security #: [REDACTED]	Driver's License #: [REDACTED]
	Age: <b>27</b>	D.O.B.: <b>11/29/82</b>	Height: <b>5' 09"</b>	Weight: <b>180</b>	FBI #: [REDACTED]	CII #: [REDACTED]
	Booking # <b>#2147290</b>		Primary Charge: <b>664/187 P.C.</b>		Secondary Charge: <b>182 P.C.</b>	
	Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>		Coroner Case #		Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/>	Substance Used:
	Armed? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Apprehended? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Mental Illness? <input type="checkbox"/>	Criminal History? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Vehicle Make <b>Lincoln</b>		Model: <b>Towne Car</b>		Year: <b>1991</b>	
<b>S 2</b>	Last Name <b>Brown</b>		First Name <b>Eric</b>		M.I. <b>S.</b>	
	AKA Last Name		First Name		M.I.	
	"Droopy," "E," "Sean Brown," and "Eric Brown Jr."					
	Sex: <b>M</b>	Race: <b>B</b>	Street Address: [REDACTED]		City: [REDACTED]	State & Zip Code: [REDACTED]
	Work Phone: [REDACTED]		Home Phone: [REDACTED]		Social Security #: [REDACTED]	Driver's License #: [REDACTED]
	Age: <b>23</b>	D.O.B.: <b>04/16/87</b>	Height: <b>5' 08"</b>	Weight: <b>165</b>	FBI #: [REDACTED]	CII #: [REDACTED]
	Booking # <b>#2147721</b>		Primary Charge: <b>664/187 P.C.</b>		Secondary Charge: <b>182 P.C.</b>	
	Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>		Coroner Case #		Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/>	Substance Used:
	Armed? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Apprehended? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Mental Illness? <input type="checkbox"/>	Criminal History? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Vehicle Make <b>Lincoln</b>		Model: <b>Towne Car</b>		Year: <b>1991</b>	
<b>S 3</b>	Last Name <b>Williams</b>		First Name <b>Davon</b>		M.I. <b>L.</b>	
	AKA Last Name		First Name		M.I.	
	"Taz," "Little Taz," "Taz Little," "Mr. Taz," "Dontae Leon Lias"					
	Sex: <b>M</b>	Race: <b>B</b>	Street Address: [REDACTED]		City: [REDACTED]	State & Zip Code: [REDACTED]
	Work Phone: [REDACTED]		Home Phone: [REDACTED]		Social Security #: [REDACTED]	Driver's License #: [REDACTED]
	Age: <b>24</b>	D.O.B.: <b>08/11/86</b>	Height: <b>5' 07"</b>	Weight: <b>160</b>	FBI #: [REDACTED]	CII #: [REDACTED]
	Booking # <b>#2147289</b>		Primary Charge: <b>664/187 P.C.</b>		Secondary Charge: <b>182 P.C.</b>	
	Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>		Coroner Case #		Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/>	Substance Used:
	Armed? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Apprehended? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Mental Illness? <input type="checkbox"/>	Criminal History? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Vehicle Make <b>Lincoln</b>		Model: <b>Towne Car</b>		Year: <b>1991</b>	
<b>S 4</b>	Last Name [REDACTED]		First Name [REDACTED]		M.I. [REDACTED]	
	AKA Last Name		First Name		M.I.	
	[REDACTED]					
	Sex: <b>M</b>	Race: <b>H</b>	Street Address: [REDACTED]		City: [REDACTED]	State & Zip Code: [REDACTED]
	Work Phone: [REDACTED]		Home Phone: [REDACTED]		Social Security #: [REDACTED]	Driver's License #: [REDACTED]
	Age: <b>26</b>	D.O.B.: [REDACTED]	Height: <b>5' 02"</b>	Weight: <b>130</b>	FBI #: [REDACTED]	CII #: [REDACTED]
	Booking # [REDACTED]		Primary Charge: [REDACTED]		Secondary Charge: [REDACTED]	
	Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>		Coroner Case #		Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/>	Substance Used:
	Armed? <input type="checkbox"/>		Apprehended? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Mental Illness? <input type="checkbox"/>	Criminal History? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Vehicle Make [REDACTED]		Model: [REDACTED]		Year: [REDACTED]	